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## The New Beer Camouflage.

What is the new beer and what about it? Much is being said these days about the new beer now being manufactured in wet states and which is to be sold in Michigan, if the amendment is carried by popular vote.

It is contended that this is a perfectly harmless beverage as it contains but .75 per cent of alcohol. Treasury decision No. 2618, which went into effect January 1, 1917, stipulates that on and after January 1, 1918, the alcoholic content of fermented malt liquor produced in the United States (except ale and porter) must in no case exceed 2 3/4 per cent of alcohol by weight, nor shall the amount of grain or other food or feed material used by any brewer in the production of fermented malt liquor during the corresponding quarter for the calendar year 1917.

It will be seen that instead of the alcoholic content being measured "by volume", which for 50 years has been the universal government standard of measurement, it is now to be measured "by weight."

Now it is loudly proclaimed by the wets that whereas beer formerly contained 3.437 per cent of alcohol, the new beer contains but .275 per cent and so is much less "beery." The fact is that because of the difference between the specific gravity of alcohol and water, .275 per cent "by weight" is equivalent to 3.437 per cent "by volume", so that the alcoholic content of the new beer has not been reduced but is practically equal to and, in comparison with beer, is slightly greater than heretofore.

The inference is but natural that if the new beer is as intoxicating as that which has made black and bloody history in the past, the new saloon if it should return will be as vicious as it was in the past.

## DAIRY FACTS

## ENORMOUS WASTE IN WINTER

Minnesota Dairy Expert Makes Startling Statement as to Amount of Milk That is Wasted.

Three and one-half billion pounds of milk are practically wasted in the dairy states every winter. This makes 21,000,000 pounds every day. The foregoing is a startling statement, but R. M. Washburn of the division of dairy husbandry, Minnesota College of Agriculture, says it is true. The farmer feeds most of his skim milk to hogs. This milk, fed to hogs, produces only 20 per cent of its energy value in edible pork. Eighty per cent of its energy value is lost. Mr. Washburn says, though, that some milk is necessary to start pigs off strongly.

Much more of the energy value of the skim milk will be saved if it is made into cottage cheese. Every 100 pounds of skim milk, says Mr. Washburn, is equivalent to 20 pounds of ordinary meat, and will make 15 pounds of cottage cheese. The cheese contains about one-third more protein and one-third less energy than meat, and is therefore essentially equivalent to meat.

## Real Estate For Sale

- 8 ROOM HOUSE on May street, modern, corner lot, shade trees, garage, large porches, all in good condition; price \$1,750.
- 7 ROOM HOUSE, corner James and Ann streets, lights, gas, toilet, city and cistern water, corner lot, sidewalks in; price \$1,250.
- 8 ROOM HOUSE on East Division street, toilet, cellar, city and cistern water; to be sold on easy terms at \$1,100.
- 5 ROOM HOUSE on Pearl street, nearly modern, is on a corner lot and can be bought for \$1,400.
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Other places for sale.—Cash or Terms.

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SOLDIERS LETTERS  
COME TO THEM  
IN BIG BUNCHES

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and writes as follows of life in the service as he sees it:

Tafts College, Mass., June 17, 1918.  
Dear Mother and Dad:  
Well, here I am, all safe and sound. We arrived here yesterday, all tired and dirty and of course, hungry. We were taken to the mess hall and were given something to eat, then I took a bath, changed my clothes and felt like a king. We started from Valparaiso Friday night at 6:30 and were on the road about two days and two nights. We went on the Grand Trunk and went through Lansing, Flint and crossed over into Canada at Port Huron. After we went through Battle Creek I went to sleep and woke up in Canada. We went through London, there is where Herbert Noble is and also Hamilton. We stopped there an hour and we marched up town and saw the town with little time to spare. We saw some pretty country there; it was quite hilly and some places you could look quite a long ways. We met some Canadians who had been on the road a week; they came from Vancouver.

We also passed an aviation camp, and there were about 15 aeroplanes in the air. They raced with the train, waved their hands to us and did some fancy stunts in the air and we were sorry when we left them. We stretched our necks all out of shape watching them.

When the Canadians got off at Hamilton we all shook hands with them and wished them good luck.

We saw Niagara Falls. They are quite a sight; and stopped off at Buffalo about three hours. At Hamilton we had five Red Cross ladies gave us coffee, candy and cigarettes.

We left Buffalo at 5:45 and went through Rochester and Syracuse. I wished I could have seen Hazel but did not know we were going through there. We had just got to bed but rolled out quick when some Red Cross ladies came with some cake, candy and gum. We had five Pullman cars, and two fellows slept in the lower berth and one in the upper; we matched to see who would have the upper and I was the lucky one. A fellow can sleep better in the upper berth. The first night all the windows were open and we almost froze to death.

We saw lots of large hills in Massachusetts that are not good for farming and went through some mountains. One tunnel was five miles long; it was darker than the dickens; had to turn the lights on; we arrived in Boston at 12 o'clock and had until 1:30. Tafts college is at Medford, a suburb of Boston. I saw the Atlantic ocean, also Bunker Hill monument. Friday is a legal holiday in Massachusetts, Bunker Hill anniversary, but the captain said seeing we were from Massachusetts we would not observe it. We were given three blankets and assigned to our rooms; there is a squad to each room.

The captain gave us a talk last night and he said we would be here two months and then be sent to some other camp or we might be dodging bullets for all he knew. There are 200 here now. We start to work tomorrow morning and work to 3:30, then drill till 5:30 so you see we will be busy so to not get lonesome. We are not allowed to leave the grounds which are surrounded by a high wire fence and no civilian is allowed inside the grounds unless they come to see some of the soldiers. The captain said we would not be allowed any furloughs as we were there for business. When I left Valparaiso, Wells left for St. Louis and Lester had not yet been assigned to any place. Wells felt pretty bad when we parted because we were a bunch of nuts, he said, and I felt sorry for him. Well, we have got to go and drill this afternoon so will close. Am feeling fine. So long, Alvin Davis.

A. J. Reed, formerly commercial tapper in the local high schools, writes the Banner-News a long and interesting letter of his travels since leaving Belding, as follows:

Wednesday, June 26, 1918.  
Belding Banner Pub. Co., Belding, Mich.

Dear Editor: After spending a few very busy weeks in the army, I have at last found time to write a few lines which you may publish if you see fit. All of my good friends in Belding will please consider this a personal letter for the minute one does Uncle Sam's toga, he is kept very busy indeed and his correspondence may receive but slight attention.

About the first of May, the exact date I haven't kept in mind, I arrived in Columbus Barracks, Ohio. I remained here exactly one week, where I received final physical examinations and where necessary enlistment papers were made out. My experiences at Columbus Barracks I will not write of, but they were many indeed and as thousands of men were passing through this depot post daily, one can imagine the extreme haste in which officers and men were in. The facilities for handling enlistments at Columbus were very few in comparison to the number of men they were actually handling so that each individual received very slight consideration and consequently we began at once to feel the stress and strain of real war times. On Friday we were sent on our way to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. We were routed via the Big Four R. R. to Springfield, Dayton, Cincinnati and then over the Southern R. R. to Chattanooga then to Atlanta. From Atlanta over the Georgia R. R. to Augusta, and thence to Camp Hancock. I am forced to dispense with a description of my journey from Columbus as we seemed to be traveling mostly at night and therefore missed a number of sights along the way especially through Kentucky. The trip was somewhat tiresome and close observation was difficult. We especially noticed the change in climate as we went farther south and the farther we went the hotter it became. We also noticed the difference in the color of the people as we traveled farther south especially when we struck Chattanooga and from Atlanta to Augusta on either side of the railroad the shacks were very numerous, being the homes

of the typical southern negro.

Camp Hancock is a strictly ordnance training camp and is capable of handling 40,000 men. It is made up of several departments of training, having the ordnance supply school, to which I am attached and a machine gun school. It also has several provisional companies, or casualty companies, being troops held for use until they are needed to take the place of the fellows who make the supreme sacrifice "over there."

The particular organization to which the writer is attached as I have mentioned above is the ordnance supply school which is a school to train men in the handling of ordnance property in field depots in France and also this country. Ordnance property may be defined as that property which has to do with the fighting equipment of the soldier. It has to do with all makes of machine guns, rifles, hand and rifle grenades, shrapnel and small arms ammunition. There are also hundreds of other accessories which I will not mention. I will say that I have had the wonderful opportunity of handling the three makes of machine guns and I wish to say that the new Browning automatic rifle which you have been reading so much about in a gun that any of the Kaiser's cohorts will do well to avoid. It shoots 600 shots a minute and is easily operated. It is generally known to civilians that this gun is in the hands of the U. S. troops over there today, and it undoubtedly played a big part in the successful drive that the U. S. marines made recently.

Our course in the school is eight weeks in length and we are now on the fifth week. The personnel of the school is of a high class, being made up of men who are college graduates and who have given up very bright careers to help Uncle Sam in this big game. There are nearly 2,000 men in the school and as fast as the course is finished the men are transferred all over the country to depots for further training. I would make it clear that the men who are trained in this school are to have charge of supplying the troops at the front with all necessary fighting equipment. They are to be non-commissioned officers in charge of ordnance supply depots.

To turn to a more general subject, Georgia is all that we northern people have read of. Augusta is a city of about 40,000 people, is typically southern. Here we have the typical old southern homes and plantations. The people are very pleasant and hospitable to the last degree. I am of the impression that the negro does a good bit of the work down here yet and the personal characteristics of the white people are also what we have always heard. One thing they have in their creed and that is never to be in a hurry. It is very evident, for when we order a meal in a restaurant we have time to do our shopping and then come back for our meal.

I have written more than I intended when I started out, but there are lots of things to write of and I haven't written nearly as much as I might of the various things here in camp. I do wish to say that the Y. M. C. A. is the home of the soldier and as often been said by others who have experienced army life before myself, the Y. M. C. A. is a wonderful thing and we who are here in camp or any other camp could hardly get along without it. I would say to everyone to boost for the Y. M. C. A. if they wish to do the soldiers a good turn.

I will close at this time and send my best wishes to all of my friends in Belding. I will be extremely pleased to hear from any who will write. This letter may be painfully incoherent but we people here seldom have time to clearly collect our thoughts and put them down in proper sequence; so if the good editor is not too harsh in his censoring I may be able to do a little better next time.

Yours very truly,  
Private Arthur J. Reed,  
Supply School, Ordnance Training Camp, Camp Hancock, Ga. Co. E.

Mrs. George Rhodes of Grattan has received another letter from her son, Wirt Rhodes, who was killed in action, somewhere in France, on May 28, last. Wirt wrote frequently to his mother and this last letter was written on May 24, just four days before his being killed. His last letter is as follows:

May 24, 1918.  
Dear Mother: Your letter received and was sure glad to hear from you and to hear that you are all well. I suppose you will like to get back home. It is funny that May does not get her allotment but I guess it is because there was a mistake in making it out, but I guess she will get it before long.

You may tell Eliza if you ever see him again that I will meet him in France. No, I have never seen any one that I know. It is funny that none of the Donovan boys have been called. The weather here is sure fine and so nice and warm. It has tried to rain a little today but it has not succeeded as yet.

Now, mother, I don't want you to feel the least bit anxious about me for I am in the best of health and in no danger whatever.

Well I guess I have wrote all of the news for this time so will say good bye. From your true and loving son,

Co. M, 28th Inf., A. E. F., France.

On active service with the American Expeditionary Forces.

May 12, 1918.

Dear Mother and All at Home:

I have just a short time before bed time so my thoughts turn homeward as usual when I am not busy. Well, this is Mother's day and I will just enclose this booklet to mother as my pencil cannot write my thoughts and this describes what I would write.

We are having lovely weather here and it sure is summer now. I received a couple of letters yesterday from you. My mail does not go as fast as yours comes but don't you worry for everything will be o. k. yet. I am not at the trenches at present but may go at any time. If I could only take a pen and paper and tell you a few things but no use it could not get through. But I can tell you I have been in some real stuff and it was not any fun. We were at the front awhile ago and was using my coat as a pillow and I laid my heavy head down for a minute and broke my pen in two pieces so my pen is missing.

We are not far from the front line trenches now but may be called away from here any time!

Well Harry Fletcher that my chum's name is Robert Westfeld from Pennville, Mich., he has been transferred to another outfit now.

We are in a very bad place now. If there are any of the boys around Belding who are anxious to do some service in France he can do some for me if he wants to while I take a rest.

May 31, 1918.—Now don't get excited at receiving this Red Cross stationery for there isn't much the matter with me only a little gas that blew our way and I will be out of here I hope in a few more days. I shall remember this Decoration day in the hospital. I guess the papers are full of news now for they are doing good work now but I can't tell you.

We are on the go most of the time and do not have time to only write one letter and that goes home, but you don't get half of them at that. June 10.—I must tell you of something that happened to me awhile ago. We were on one of our trips and one night a note was handed me from Timma. Can you imagine. You know he worked for Willoughby and was a good friend of mine. He said he wanted to see me and we were a couple miles apart. Well, that is all the good it did either of us for I was in a place where I couldn't get out and I guess he was in the same fix and now I am quite a few miles from him. Well that just made me sick. A boy from my home town and what I would give to have seen and talked with him. But we may meet some time.

I guess there will be a grand time when we all get back to the states again and by the looks of things "over here" it won't be long at that. I am glad I got in when I did but I have learned a lot that I will never have to learn again as long as I live and it ain't in books either. I was one of the first bunch over and have been through the mill as they say and my experiences will make a good many pages in a book.

Don't know when I can write again as we are due for a move but just remember, "He is all right and will write when he gets a chance," so with love to the family and all my friends I will bid you good night.

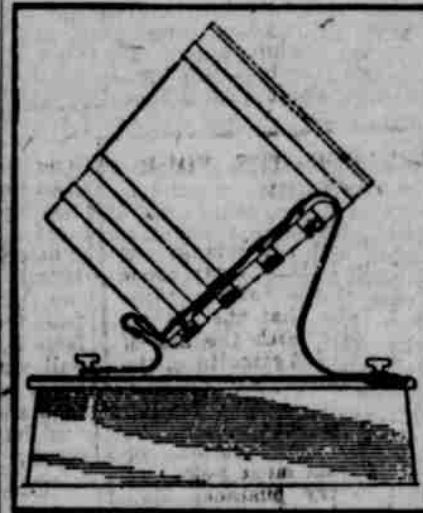
Your son and brother,  
Corporal Clarence C. Bailey,  
Co. A, 2nd Brig. M. G. Bn., First American Expeditionary Forces, France.

## DEVICE ON BUTTER SCALES

Resilient Support Absorbs Most of Shock When Tub Is Thrown Hastily on Platform.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing an attachment for scales, invented by F. D. Shea, 104 Chambers street New York, says:

This device is adapted particularly for the weighing of butter. It consists of a resilient support secured to the platform of the scales, which will absorb most of the shock when a tub of butter is thrown hastily thereon.



Attachment for Scales.

thus relieving the scales of jar and making it possible to ascertain the weight of a tub of butter more quickly.

## OPEN SHED IS SATISFACTORY

Experiments Conducted by Department of Agriculture on Government Farm at Beltsville.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In experiments at Beltsville, Md., by the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, a warm barn, commonly deemed essential for large milk production during the winter months, proved to be somewhat less satisfactory than an open shed. Experiments extending over three years showed that cows housed in the open shed consumed a little more feed, required more bedding and slightly increased labor cost, but because more milk was produced and on account of the lower cost of housing, the open shed was found to be somewhat more economical.

## BEST GRASSES FOR PASTURE

When Sowing Make Up Mixture So That Some of Plants Will Be Growing at All Times.

It is possible for pasture to be so scant that the cow uses up all her energy in securing enough nutrients from it to maintain her body. When sowing for pasture make up a mixture of grasses such that some one of the grasses will be green and palatable at all times of the growing season.

## REAL SUCCESS IN DAIRYING

And Can Be Brought About By Partnership Between Good Cow and Intelligent Feeder.

Real success in dairying comes from a partnership between the good cow and the good feeder. Many a good cow fails because never given a chance to prove her ability. If one would be a successful dairymen he must study the business, learn how to know cows and how to feed them.

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Only just before the opening of the present Chautauqua season Mr. Mulholland returned from a visit to France



FRANK MULHOLLAND.

and England; where he thoroughly investigated conditions as well as visited the soldiers in the front-line trenches.

Mr. Mulholland's first visit to Europe was made when he was nineteen years old. At that time he went on a bicycle trip through Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Montenegro, Greece, Italy and France.

He occupied a prominent place among those concerned in arranging for holding the Olympic games in Athens, Greece, in 1896, and he had considerable to do with the erection of the great stadium in Athens at that time.

Mr. Mulholland is a resident of Toledo, O., having lived there for the past twenty years. He is past president of the Commerce club of Toledo, with a membership of 4,000. He has been a member of the board of directors of that club for six years. He is also a past president of the Toledo Rotary club.

An attorney by profession, Mr. Mulholland has appeared in numerous important cases, including cases carried to the Supreme court of the United States, and has won a reputation as an eloquent pleader.

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